

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

PRESENT: Cllrs.

Mike Wise	(Town Mayor)
Julie Farmer	(Deputy Town Mayor)
Jane Boulton	
Al Cane	
Angela Finn	
Mark Greenwood	
Steve Leniec	
Andrew Marsden	
Patrick Middleton	

In Attendance:

Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
County Cllr Judith Heathcoat
Mark Blatch, Chamber of Commerce
2 PCSO's Thames Valley Police

- 1/6/16 Election of Town Mayor**
A nomination was received for Cllr. Mike Wise. It was proposed that Cllr. Mike Wise be elected as Council Chairman and Town Mayor. This was seconded and CARRIED.
- 2/6/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Town Mayor**
Cllr. Wise gave his declaration of office.
- 3/6/16 Election of Deputy Mayor**
Nominations were received for Cllr. Julie Farmer and Cllr. David Barron. A vote took place Cllr. Julie Farmer was elected as Deputy Town Mayor.
- 4/6/16 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. James Famakin, Ian Bell and David Barron.
- 5/6/16 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations**
No declarations of interest were made. No requests for dispensation had been received.
- 6/6/15 To Appoint Town Council representatives to the following organisations:**

<u>Representatives to Outside Bodies/Organisations</u>	
Community Bus Executive Committee	VACANCY
Faringdon & Dist Chamber of	Cllr. Julie Farmer

Commerce	
Faringdon Town Team	Cllr. Jane Boulton
	Deputy - Cllr. Andrew Marsden
Faringdon Twinning Association	Cllr. Mike Wise
Faringdon United Charities	Cllr. Julie Farmer
	Cllr. Al Cane
Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllr. Julie Farmer
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Cllr. Cllr. Andrew Marsden
Parish Transport Representative	VACANCY
Pink Pigeons Trust	Cllr. Julie Farmer
Pump House Project	Mayor
	Venues Chair
Traffic Advisory Committee	Cllr. David Barron
	Cllr. Andrew Marsden
	Deputy Cllr Mike Wise
Public Access Defibrillator Committee	Cllr. Angela Finn
	Deputy Cllr. Al Cane

7/6/16

To Appoint Members to the following Town Council Committees

Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor are ex-officio members of all committees.

a) Planning & Highways

*Cllrs: David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
James Famakin
Mark Greenwood
Andrew Marsden
Alex Meredith
Patrick Middleton*

b) Recreation & Open Spaces:

*Cllrs: David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Mark Greenwood
Andrew Marsden
VACANCY*

c) Venues

*Cllrs: David Barron
Jane Boulton
Angela Finn
Steve Leniec
Patrick Middleton
VACANCY*

d) Youth Services

*Cllr: Al Cane
James Famakin
Steve Leniec
Andrew Marsden
Patrick Middleton
VACANCY*

8/6/16

To Appoint Chairmen of the above Town Council Committees

The following Chairmen were appointed by the members of the respective committee:

- a) *Planning & Highways:* Cllr Andrew Marsden
- b) *Recreation & Open Spaces:* Cllr Jane Boulton
- c) *Venues:* Cllr David Barron
- d) *Youth Services:* Cllr Al Cane

9/6/16

To Appoint Members to Finance & Audit Committee

To comprise of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairmen of all Committees + 4 other members:

*Cllrs: David Barron
Jane Boulton
Al Cane
Julie Farmer
James Famakin
Angela Finn
Mark Greenwood
Steve Leniec
Andrew Marsden
Mike Wise*

10/6/16

To Appoint Chairman of Finance & Audit Committee

Cllr. Steve Leniec was appointed Chairman by the members of the Finance and Audit Committee.

11/6/16

To appoint members to advisory committees and working parties set up by Full Council:

- a) Strategic Working Party
It was PROPOSED that membership of this working party be extended to ALL councillors and the Town Clerk. This was SECONDED and AGREED.
- b) Recording of meetings working party
It was PROPOSED that this be renamed Public Engagement Working Party. This was SECONDED and AGREED.
The following members were appointed:
Cllr Al Cane
Cllr Julie Farmer
Cllr Alex Meredith
Cllr Mark Greenwood
Cllr Patrick Middleton
Community Officer
Town Clerk
It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Middleton act as Chair this was SECONDED and CARRIED.

12/6/16

To Review Payment of the following Annual Subscriptions:

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils: (renewed April 2016)
Society of Local Council Clerks: (renewed January 2016)
Renewals of the above subscriptions were APPROVED.

13/6/16

Minutes of last meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2016

The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting

- 14/6/16 Public Question Time**
None
- 15/6/16 Public Speaking Time**
No members of the public wished to speak at this time.
- 16/6/16 County Councillor's Report**
C/Cllr. Judith Heathcoat submitted a written report, which was NOTED.
- 17/6/16 District Councillors' Report**
D/Cllrs Cox and Kainth submitted a written report, which was NOTED.
- 18/6/16 Chairman's Activity Report**
Cllr. Mike Wise, Mayor, gave a report updating members on his recent activities. Members were informed that the Mayor had attended a total of 125 events on behalf of Faringdon Town Council in the last year. Members expressed their thanks for Cllr. Wise's continuing commitment and dedication. This was NOTED.
- 19/6/16 Reports from Committees**
Members received and NOTED reports of the following committee meetings, *including decisions taken under delegated authority:*
- a) *Planning & Highways:* 19th April and 10th May
 - b) *Recreation & Open Spaces:* 20th April
 - c) *Finance and Audit* 27th April
 - d) *Strategic Working Party* 28th April
- 20/6/16 Fossil Trust**
Cllr Wise reported that the Fossil Trust had now been wound up. Members considered a proposal made by the Fossil Trust. It was felt that an independent group was required to achieve the objectives set out by the trust. It was PROPOSED that the Town Council form a Working Party to provide continuity and with the aim of forming an independent group to safeguard and promote the Faringdon Fossils.
- 21/6/16 Reports from Outside Bodies and committees with Town Council representation**
- a) Thames Valley Police
 - b) Chamber of Commerce
 - c) Faringdon Town Team
- 22/6/16 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**
Cllr Andrew Marsden PROPOSED the above bills be authorised and paid this was SECONDED by Cllr Steve Leniec and CARRIED.

CLERK'S REPORT May 2016		
April Salaries		
Salaries by BACS	Salaries	£ 12,190.09
HMRC by BACS	Tax and NI	£ 1,904.42
OCC by Cheque	Pension Contributions	£ 3,246.69

Cheque payments		
Automotive Leasing	Van Lease	£ 169.48
Peter Kinch	Tuckers Park Plant hire	£ 98.36
M Wise	Maoyrs Expenses	£ 407.50
DG Joinery	C/Ex Window	£ 225.00
Viking	Stationry	£ 69.88
S Vogt	L Bates Refurb Town Cryers hat	£ 38.60
RBS	Year End	£ 611.94
OALC	Training	£ 78.00
Davis DIY	Maitenance Items	£ 373.21
Nicola Hopkins	Youth Services Sand Art	£ 80.00
Fimbank	License fee	£ 210.80
Alto Digital	Photocopier Charges	£ 101.15
Microshade	Hosted IT	£ 291.90
FC&TIC Invoices		
Faringdon Newspapers	Folly resale	£ 3.84
Lovedon Booklet	Stock	£ 17.50
Uffington Potters (J Marshall)	Agency	£ 109.80
Community Bus	Agency	£ 385.00
J Wharton	Agency	£ 16.59
H Martin	Agency	£ 18.36
A Cane	Agency	£ 13.10
AmEgos	Agency	£ 144.00
Grants		
Foly Fest	Grant Awarded 27/4/2016	£ 3,800.00
Pump House Project	Grant Awarded 27/4/2016	£ 2,000.00
Faringdon Chamber of Commerce	Grant Awarded 27/4/2016	£ 200.00
Direct Debits		
Coop Bank	Credit Card	£ 295.58
Associated Networks	Web Hosting	£ 22.80
VWHDC	Pump House Rates	£ 358.00
	FAZE Rates	£ 427.00
	C/EX Rates	£ 969.00
Thames Water	P/House	£ 65.02
	P/House	£ 72.70
	OTH	£ 62.82
	Tuckers (to be reimbursed)	£ 65.73
	FAZE	£ 6.89

Fuel Card Services	Van / tractor Fuel	£ 82.53
o2 online	Mobile Phone Contracts	£ 50.73
Mainstream Digital	Telephone & Broadband	£ 5,084.47
Talk Talk	P/House Broadband	£ 24.60
SSE	FAZE Electric	£ 20.02
	C/EX Electric	£ 1,244.28
	OTH Electric	£ 296.00
	P/House Electric	£ 249.71
	TPHP (to be reimbursed)	£ 598.74
	FAZE Gas	£ 12.00
	C/Ex Gas	£ 2,074.78
	P/House Gas	£ 790.58
Total Town Council Invoices		£ 36,203.09

- 23/6/16 Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan**
Cllr. Marsden informed members that the independent examination of the FNP was in progress. There is growing concern regarding the strength of Neighbourhood Plans when it comes to planning applications. The planning Committee is composing a letter to the secretary of state to ask for clarification.
- 24/6/16 FAZE SITE**
Members considered a recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee. It was PROPOSED the recommendation be accepted and that Faringdon Town Council should not purchase the FAZE site and withdraw from the lease with Oxfordshire County Council as soon as possible. This was SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 25/6/16 Local Plan**
The Inspector had queried the VoWHDC Local Plan regarding the calculation of the rate of house building and employment growth required to meet the Vale's proposed targets. The Chairman showed that the jobs need for the housing target was a much simpler calculation than that proposed by the consultants. It was also noted that the Vale had produced a revised version of the Local Plan in which some errors had been corrected; however, paragraphs 5.135-7 still contained either out of date or erroneous information concerning employment land allocation in Faringdon despite this having been pointed out on several occasions.
- 26/6/16 Devolution**
Members received recent correspondence regarding VoWHDC and Oxfordshire County Council proposals for a Unitary Authority. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk contact both OCC and VoWHDC and invite them to a Council Meeting to explain their proposals in more detail. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.
- 27/6/16 Items for Information Only**
None
- 28/6/16 Correspondence**
The contents of the correspondence box *from 14th April up to and including 11th May 2016* were NOTED.